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Antonyms

Teaching

Antonyms are words that have opposite or nearly opposite meanings. You can sometimes figure out the meaning of an unfamiliar word in a sentence when its antonym appears in the same sentence.

George *loves* cauliflower, but he *abhors* broccoli.

You can figure out from the sentence (especially the word *but*) that *abhors* has roughly the same meaning as *hates* or *despises*.

A thesaurus—a reference book that lists synonyms—often lists antonyms as well.

A. Antonyms in Action

Revise each item to make sense by replacing the bold-faced word or phrase with an antonym from the list below. Use a thesaurus or dictionary if needed.

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| <i>flustered</i> | <i>despite</i> | <i>improvising</i> | <i>harmony</i> | <i>neutral</i> |
| <i>industrious</i> | <i>exaggerates</i> | <i>cheered</i> | <i>bleak</i> | <i>full</i> |

1. Cameron was **ravenous** after eating three pieces of cheesecake. _____
2. Eddie was **calm** when he tripped in front of everyone. _____
3. The landscape looked **bright**, with leafless trees and threatening clouds. _____
4. Our dog is lonely **because of** our three friendly cats. _____
5. Colleen always **understates** her stories; once she told us that she saw a four-inch-long cockroach in the cafeteria. _____
6. Brad insists on **rehearsing** his scenes in the school play, ignoring the script and making up his own dialogue. _____
7. The members of the committee were in complete **conflict**; they all voted to make the school paper a weekly publication. _____
8. Matt was so proud of Sue's game-winning goal that he **jeered** louder than any other fan. _____
9. I hate drab, **primary** colors; I like to wear bright blue and green and red clothes. _____
10. Mary is so **lazy** that she manages to get straight A's while she participates in lots of activities. _____